



THE NEWS FROM 317

Important Dates

September 7th – First day of school.

September 13th – Curriculum Night

September 21st & 22nd – Rosh Hashannah – schools are closed.



Hard at work, getting the classroom ready!

Dear Families,

Hello and welcome to third grade! I am looking forward to seeing you all next Thursday, and to a fantastic school year!

In case you don't know, my name is Elizabeth Frankel- Rivera, and I am your child's teacher. This is my tenth year teaching third grade, and my twelfth at MSC. I am also an MSC parent; my two sons are Ian and Jesse. Ian is in eighth grade, and Jesse is in sixth. I love children, love MSC, and feel extremely blessed to have a job that I adore. I understand first hand the challenges of parenting, and I am looking forward to an amazing year of collaboration with all of you.

I wanted to take this opportunity to touch base with you about some beginning of the year details.

Class Forms

It will be extremely helpful to have all of your forms as soon as possible. Please allow some extra time, if possible, on the first day of school to fill them out before you leave the classroom.

Supplies

Thank you to everyone who has already purchased supplies. If you have not yet done so, the list can be found on our school website at <http://www.ps333.org>, under the "Parent" tab. If you bring supplies with you on Thursday, you can put them in the boxes in the hallway next to our classroom door.

Snack

I have a snack calendar sign up outside of the classroom. I have found that snack works best if families are able to sign up for week slots, rather than individual days. Please try to make snacks healthy and easy to serve; i.e. cut up fruit and veggies, cheese and crackers, pretzels, etc. Some items that are challenging in the classroom are any kinds of dips, yogurt squeezers, popcorn, Pirate's Booty, raisins, and anything that might spill (like fruit cups).

If your child has any special dietary needs (allergies, etc.), I ask that you provide snacks that meet your child's needs. I can keep them in a separate bin in the classroom, or you can send them in daily.

Communication

I have a "Notes for Elizabeth" bulletin board inside the door where you can leave any communications you might have. You can also email me at EFrankelRivera@schools.nyc.gov. Please bear in mind that I usually check my email once a day, so it may take me a day or so to respond. If it is something that requires immediate attention, you can leave me a note, or speak to me in person.

All of our class newsletters are posted on our class blog page, which can be found at <http://www.ps333.org>, under the "Class Pages" tab. The password is abc123.

Arrival

I know mornings can be tough, but it is so beneficial to your child if they arrive at school on time. A timely arrival helps to set a relaxed and positive tone for the day. Here are some guidelines:

*The classroom door opens at 8:32.

*Morning Meeting begins at 8:40.

*If you arrive after 8:45, you will be directed to the main office (516) to get a late pass.

*If the door is closed when you arrive, please wait until a greeter opens it for you. We check the hallway for latecomers after every section of Morning Meeting.

Dismissal

This is the first year that your child will be dismissed from the basement gym, at 2:55. Your kids are expected to sit and wait quietly until I call them. They are expected to shake my hand, make eye contact, and say good-bye. This gives us closure for the school day, and it also helps me remember whom they were picked up by. I ask that you wait until I call your child, rather than come to me. Especially in these early days, as I am learning whom everyone belongs to, and memorizing names. All children who are picked up late will be brought up to the main office.

Lunch

Your children will be eating lunch in the cafeteria again this year. They will be sharing recess and lunch with the fourth graders. Lunch will be served on the first two days of school, as they are full days. If your child brings lunch from home, they may put their lunch in the wicker baskets outside the classroom door.

Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night will be on Wednesday September 13th from 6:00 to 7:00pm. We will meet here in room 317.

That's all for now. I hope you will come to me throughout the year with any feedback, questions, ideas, or concerns you may have.

I am so looking forward to meeting you all!

Warmly,

Elizabeth

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